

<b>Chronology</b>	
June 2, 2021	Enerco learned that Grand Design filed a Part 573 Report with NHTSA regarding propane regulators manufactured by Chen Fong under the brand name Winntec, due to reports of fires and thermal events involving the regulators. Enerco reached out to Winnspec to obtain information about the Grand Design filing.
First two weeks of June	Other RV manufacturers filed Part 573 Reports regarding Winntec propane regulators.
June 15, 2021	Although Enerco had not (and still has not) received any reports of fires or other thermal events involving its regulators, it began an investigation to determine whether its regulators were affected by the same defect that led to the RV manufacturers' recalls, because Enerco also purchased propane regulators manufactured by Chen Fong through Winnspec.
June 30, 2021	Enerco was invited to attend a vehicle inspection by Winnspec. A THOR representative attending the inspection spoke with Enerco's representatives and offered to share testing data developed over the past several months.
July 2, 2021	<p>THOR shared test reports it obtained from an independent lab. Reports suggested that the seat disc material was different from a comparable competitor's regulator. Enerco was informed that Chen Fong changed the seat disc material from nitrile rubber to fluoropolymer in 2018 for at least some of the propane regulators manufactured by Chen Fong. Enerco learned that research conducted for Thor demonstrated that seat discs manufactured from fluoropolymer seemed to be unable to retain adequate sealing capacity in the propane regulator.</p> <p>Enerco also learned that research conducted for THOR demonstrated that plasticizers in certain pigtailed supplied with propane regulators distributed to the RV manufacturers had leached and contaminated</p>

	<p>the body of the regulator; but it remains unclear if this has any effect on the regulator's function.</p> <p>Enerco determined that the plasticizer issuer did not affect its propane regulators, because Enerco does not distribute these pigtails with its regulators. However, Enerco cannot be certain whether its customers may have used pigtails prone to leaching with its propane regulators; nor of any effect it may have.</p>
July 3, 2021	<p>Winnspec provided Enerco with a copy of a letter sent to NHTSA by Winnspec recommending the addition of an additional appliance regulator on refrigerators containing the Winnspec propane regulators identified by the RV manufacturers in their Part 573 reports.</p>
July 16 to July 26, 2021	<p>Enerco continued to investigate the issue, including telephone discussions with THOR and Winnspec.</p> <p>Enerco verified that Chen Fong/Winnspec changed the seat disc material from nitrile rubber to fluoropolymer in May 2018.</p>
July 26, 2021	<p>Enerco decided to file a Part 573 Report with NHTSA regarding the propane regulators manufactured with fluoropolymer seat discs.</p>